

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A communication device equipped with an automatic operation-keeping system, comprising:

- a main power source (14),
- a processing unit (10) supplied with power by the main power source, and
- means (26, 28, 16) for starting the device at a programmable start time, characterized in that the means for starting the device it further includes:
 - a clock (24) associated to an auxiliary power source (22), to produce a current time, and
 - means (12) for automatically and periodically updating a the start time after said current time, the electric power supply for the updating means (12) being ensured solely by the main power source.

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Cmt* Claim 2 (original): A communication device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the processing unit (10) comprises the automatic updating means for updating the start time.

Claim 3 (original): A communication device as claimed in Claim 1, comprising a register (28) for storing start times, updated by automatic updating means to a time D, so that $D = t+N$, where N is a time value higher than or equal to a start interval and where t is the current time.

Claim 4 (original): A communication device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the auxiliary power source comprises an electric capacitance.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A device as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the device is a portable telephone.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of keeping a communication device in operation after it has been stopped accidentally, in which:

- when the communication device is in operation, an automatic programmable start time is regularly updated to come after a current time, and in which when the communication device

is stopped by accident, a new start is automatically made the moment when a current time established by a permanent clock coincides with the previously updated start time.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method as claimed in Claim 6, in which the start time is updated by adding a time increment to the current time.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method as claimed in Claim 7, in which the start time is updated with a shorter interval than a value of the time increment.

Claim 9 (new): A device as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the start time is measured from the current time as an instantaneous value in seconds.

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Claim 10 (new): A device as claimed in Claim 9 wherein the number of seconds in the instantaneous value is measured as a number of pulses of the clock.

Claim 11 (new): A device as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the processing unit comprises a first part that is supplied with power by the main power source and a second part that can be supplied with power either by the main power or the auxiliary power source if the main power fails.

Claim 12 (new): A device as claimed in Claim 11, characterized in that the second part further comprises at least one register for retaining the current time and the start time.

Claim 13 (new): A method as claimed in Claim 6, characterized in that the start time is measured from the current time in as an instantaneous value measured in seconds.

Claim 14 (new): A method as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the number of seconds in the instantaneous value is measured as a number of pulses of the clock.

Claim 15 (new): A method as claimed in Claim 6, characterized in that when the communication device is in operation a main power source supplies power to both a first part and a second part

of a processing section for the communication device and when the communication device is stopped by accident, the first part is not supplied power and the second part is supplied power from an auxiliary power source.

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Confidential* Claim 16 (new): A method as claimed in Claim 15, characterized in that second part contains at least one register that retains the current time and the start time.
